

**NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
Tucson Field Office**

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2012-0021-CX

Serial/Case File No. AZA-035845

Proposed Action Title/Type: **Baldwin Saginaw Mineral Materials Sale**

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): Saginaw Hill,
Pima County, AZ, T15S R12E Sec 11 SWSE, Cat Mountain Quad

Description of Proposed Action:

Baldwin Construction, LLC has requested a contract for the purchase of mineral materials in the vicinity of Saginaw Hill, west of Tucson, AZ. The material requested is spoil generated during the construction of the Central Arizona Project canal. The Bureau of Reclamation spread the material on the public lands during canal excavation. The Bureau of Reclamation has no current or future need for the material and it is available for disposal under the mineral laws. Baldwin has requested the purchase of 19,600 cubic yards (23,500 tons) of aggregate and has submitted a Mining Plan of Operation for the removal of the material. Under the proposed plan, Baldwin would use a loader to load material into dump trucks to be hauled to their processing yard on Kinney Road. The area of disturbance would be 4.2 acres. The duration of the contract would be five years. Reclamation would consist of contouring and ripping areas where material is removed. The project area is located south of the Saginaw Hill Abandoned Mine Lands remediation exclosure. The project area was surveyed for Pima Pineapple Cactus and none were found though the cactus does occur in the vicinity of the project area. The project area will be staked and flagged and the operator will be required to stay within the staked perimeter to prevent potential damage to Pima Pineapple Cactus. Operator will be required to obtain and comply with applicable Pima County Air Quality Permit.

Applicant (if any): Baldwin Construction, LLC

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Phoenix RMP, 1988, page 14, Saleable Minerals.

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

/s/ Daniel Moore, Geologist
Specialist Signature

2/6/2012
Date

PROGRAM CONSULTATION & COORDINATION/CX CHECKLIST
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PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

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ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW

Subactivity: 1330

Project Name: Baldwin Saginaw Mineral Materials Sale

Location (legal description): T15S R12E Sec 11 SWSE

NLCS Unit: N/A

Quad Name: Cat Mountain

Project Lead: Daniel Moore

Technical Review:

Applies?	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
Yes No				
() ()		(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?		
() ()		(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.		
() ()		(3) Have highly controversial environmental effects		
() ()		(4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
() ()		(5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
() ()		(6) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.		
() ()		(7) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.		
() ()		(8) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
() ()		(9) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
() ()		(10) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		
() ()		(11) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.		
() ()		(12) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.		

Final Review:

Unit Manager/Supervisor: /s/ Brian Bellew, Field Manager Date: 2/6/2012

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Darrell Tersey, Natural Resource Specialist Date: 2/6/2012

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, F.10 - *Disposal of mineral materials, such as sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, cinders, and clay, in amounts not exceeding 50,000 cubic yards or disturbing more than 5 acres, except in riparian areas.*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

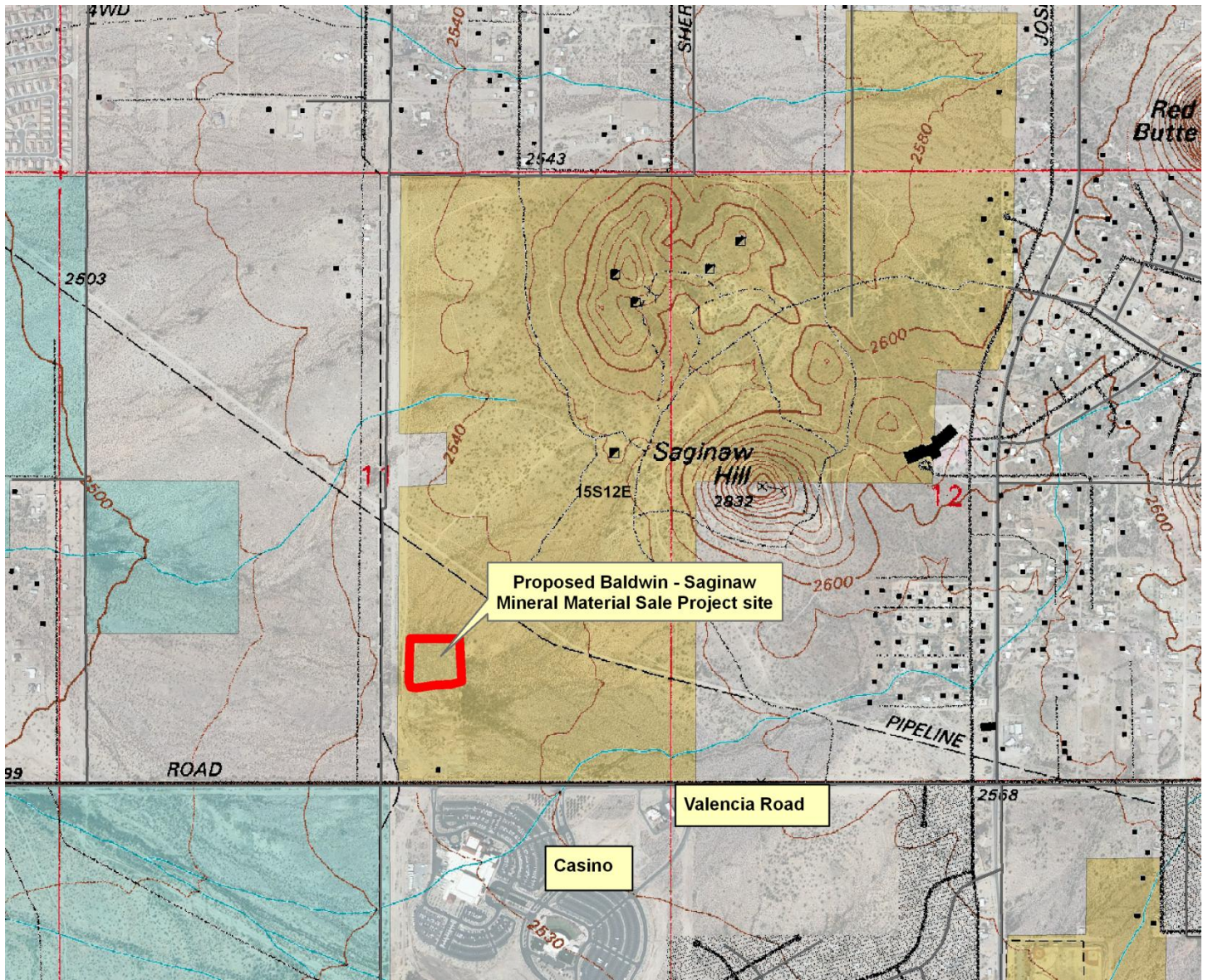
The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:

1. Pima Pineapple Cactus
2. Archaeology/Cultural Resources
3. Air Quality
4. Hazardous/Solid Wastes
5. Invasive/Non-native Weeds

Part III: DECISION. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures attached.

Authorized Official: /s/ Brian Bellew, Field Manager Date: 2/6/2012



Project Location Map